



Beth Israel Congregation

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Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Donald Bixon – Rabbi
Parshat Kedoshim

Abraham Galbut – President
May 11th, 2019 ~ 6 Iyar 5779 ~ 21 L'Omer

Eruv Shabbat Schedule

Earliest Candle Lighting	6:34 PM
Mincha	6:45 PM
Early Candle Lighting	7:00 PM
Latest Candle Lighting	7:39 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Main Minyan	9:00 AM
NO Teen Minyan	
Sof Zman K. Shema	9:57 AM
Mother's Day Kiddush	
Rabbi Bixon's Class	6:45 PM
Mincha	7:35 PM
Maariv	8:25 PM
Shabbat Ends	8:34 PM

Sun May 12th – Fri May 17th
Shacharit: 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Mon May 13th – Fri May 17th
Additional Shacharit 8:45 AM

Sun May 12th – Thurs. May 16th
Mincha / Maariv 7:50 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Oren Lieber, Pepita Bronner,
Jonathan Levy, Shlomy Slatos,
Ahuva Slatos, Marc Birnbaum
Lydia Goldring, Daniel Rubin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Brenda & Jeffrey Eisner

Rabbi Bixon's Classes

~Women's Class~
Tuesday 9:15 am

~Advanced Talmud~
Wednesday 8:00 pm

This Week's Kiddush is in Honor
of Mother's Day



Please See Page 3 for the List of
Honored Women

A Special Thank You to Rabbi G,
Morah Esti and All the Volunteers
for Setting Up the Beautiful
Mother's Day Kiddush!

Beit Medrash Door Repair Please Note

All Minyanim will take place in
the Main Sanctuary
**Monday May 13th –
Wednesday May 15th.**

If you have any personal
belongings in the Beit Medrash
that you may need for Davening
(Tallit, Tefillin, Siddur etc.),
please remove by Sunday night.

Important Upcoming Dates

Pesach Sheini
Sunday, May 19th

Lag B'Omer
Thursday, May 23rd

Yom Yerushalayim
Sunday, June 2nd

Monday, May 27th
Bixon ~ Gross L'Chaim
8:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Youth Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with
Morah Esti

&

9:30 Regular Groups Begin with
Youth Leaders

**Congratulations to This
Past Week's**

Midot Award

Fancy Saka, Tamar Friedman

Diamond Daveners

Moshe Bossewitch, David Turetsky

Song of the Week

Tiny Tots Groups Will Be Learning
"Linen Clothing" &
"Honor Your Father & Mother"
Healthy Snacks Will be Served!

*We Wish Rabbi Koriat,
Rabbi Assaraf and the majority of
our teen Minyan well on their
inspiring trip through Poland &*



TEEN MINYAN

**Our Teen Minyan Will Resume
in 1 Week on May 18th**

**All Teens Are Invited to
Shalosh Seudah & Gemora Shiur
Between Mincha & Maariv**
"What Do Numbers 7,9,18,19 & 24
Have in Common?"

Kibud Av V'Eim is Our Main Aim!
Mother's Day is Every Day Not Only
in the Month of May. Thank you to
our **AMAZING Volunteers** Who
Helped Setup The **AMAZING**
Mother's Day Ballroom Kiddush! A
Special thank You to **Morah Esti** as
Well!

**Shavuot Prep is Well Under
Way!**

Stay tuned for some incredible
Shavuot programs to be
announced!



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Parshat Kedoshim

By: Ari Ciment

WHY DOES YOUR MOTHER COME
BEFORE YOUR FATHER ON
MOTHER'S DAY?

גם כּי-אֵלֶּךָ בְּגִיּוֹת צַלְמוֹת, לֹא-אִירָא רָע-- כּי-
אֵתָה עִמָּדִי; שִׁבְטֶךָ וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ, הִמָּה וְנִחְמְנִי
“Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for
Thou art with me; **Thy rod and Thy staff**,
they comfort me” (Psalms 23, 4)

QUESTIONS: Why is it that דוד המלך
states that thy rod and thy staff will
comfort me? Why both? What does it
signify? Rashi says that the שִׁבְטֶךָ
represents the punishments and the
וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ represents the reliance we have
on G-d. By punishing us, unfortunately we
are ironically beholden to His Chesed as
we see how much we rely on Him to
survive. But is there yet another way to
understand this powerful Pasuk!?

What is the connection of fearing your
parents and keeping the Sabbath as it says
in our Parshah, Leviticus 19:3, אִישׁ אָמוֹ
וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ, וְאֵת-שְׁבֻתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ
“You shall fear every man, his mother and his father,
and you shall keep My Sabbaths”?
Finally, why is it that specifically in our
Parshah, do we see for the first time the
precedence of the mother to the father
when it comes to respecting them. All the
other instances, the father precedes the
mother!?! וְאֵת-אִמְךָ (Shmot 20:11)

וּמִכָּה אָבִיו וְאָמוֹ, מוֹת יוֹמֵת (Shmot 21:15)
וּמִקֵּל אָבִיו וְאָמוֹ, מוֹת יוֹמֵת (Shmot
21:17) וְאֵת-אִבִּיךָ וְאֵת-אִמְךָ (Devarim
5:15) אָרוּר, מִקֻּלָּה אָבִיו וְאָמוֹ (Devarim
27:16)

ANSWER: Rabbi Shimon noted that
although everywhere else, the Torah says
father before the mother, here it mentions
the mother first to teach that one should
honor both parents equally. (6:9)!
As to why there are so many more verses
with the father mentioned first?
This probably goes well with Kiddushin
31a: G-d knows that a son honors his
mother more than his father, because the
mother wins him over with words;
Therefore, G-d put the **honor/ כְּבוֹד** of the
father before that of the mother. G-d

knows that a son *fears* his father more
than his mother, because the father teaches
him Torah. Therefore, here by אִישׁ אָמוֹ
וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ, G-d put the fear of the
mother before that of the father.

But still why specifically here by the
juxtaposition to the laws of Shabbat- אִישׁ
אָמוֹ וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ, וְאֵת-שְׁבֻתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ? The
standard accepted answer is from
Yebamoth 5b: "You shall fear every man,
his mother and his father, and you shall
keep My Sabbaths," [is juxtaposed] to
teach that one's duty to honor one's parent
does not supersede one's duty to keep the
Sabbat.

Perhaps another idea can be that Shabbat
represents a time of reflection and
important emotional recuperation from a
busy hectic kinetic week. The 6 days of
the week are symbolic of the masculine
bravado, but the Sabbath is symbolic of
the feminine peaceful emotional
stronghold. It makes total sense that the
mother precedes the father as it relates to
the Sabbath then!

And now we can understand the Pasuk in
Tehilim “Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil, for Thou art with me; שִׁבְטֶךָ
וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ/Thy rod and Thy staff, they
comfort me” (Psalms 23, 4). When things
are difficult, we must always remember
that we have our שִׁבְטֶךָ/father (the one
who shepherds us through actively
prodding a path with his *rod*) and our
וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ/mother (the one we *rely* on -
מִשְׁעֵן means to rest on or rely on). Our
mother is our Shabbat. She is our מִשְׁעֵן
and she is who we rely on for emotional
support/guidance.


TAKEAWAY MESSAGE: Why is it that
specifically in our Parshah, do we see for
the first time the precedence of the mother
to the father when it comes to respecting
them? What is the connection to Shabbat?
One answer is to remind us that we need
to honor them equally. One answer is that
there is a tendency to fear your father
more than your mother and so this is to
counteract that. Another concept may be
that Shabbat contains a very feminine

loving emotional theme that mostly
mothers can deliver! When דוד המלך states
that שִׁבְטֶךָ/thy rod and וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ/thy staff
will comfort us in times of distress, it
could very well be a reference to our
loving parents who are the שִׁבְטֶךָ/father
guider and וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךָ/mother who we rely
on (our Shabbat!).

WHY DOES YOUR MOTHER COME
BEFORE YOUR FATHER ON
MOTHERS DAY? BECAUSE THE
TORAH SAYS SO IN OUR PARSHA-
אִישׁ אָמוֹ וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ

COMMUNITY NEWS

NISHMAT
*Women's Learning Initiative of
South Florida Inaugural Event*
Sunday May 19, 2019 at 8:00 pm
Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter
**“On Compromising Truth for the
Sake of Peace”**
Young Israel
9590 Abbott Avenue, Surfside
Open to Men & Women
info@afnishmat.org


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Teach Florida is pleased to announce
that our advocacy campaign resulted
in a record \$2.5 million allocation for
Jewish school security funding in the
State's 2019-20 budget, a 25%
increase from the prior year. Governor
DeSantis is expected to sign the
budget in the coming weeks. To get
involved
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Wishing a Very Happy Mother's Day

To all our Wonderful Wives, Mothers, Grandmothers & Great Grandmothers

This Shabbat Mother's Day Kiddush has been sponsored

*In your honor with love from your number one fans ~ **Your Families!***

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Helene Berkowitz
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